GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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CLOSURE/ TRANSFER OF GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PRESSES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has reviewed the decision regarding closure/transfer of some Government of India Presses/Text Book Printing Presses/ Government of India Forms Store and Office of Assistant Director (OP) Kolkata in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has taken any decision on constitution of the Government of India Stationery Office, Kolkata in West Bengal;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Union Government has considered the demand for increasing the budget grant for GISO, Kolkata in West Bengal; and

(f) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)&(b): The decision regarding closure/transfer of presses/units as per the Government`s decision dated 16.8.2002 is under review by the Government at present.

(c)&(d): The Expenditure reforms Commission has recommended closing down of Government of India Stationery Office, Kolkata. However, this Ministry has not agreed with the recommendation of the said Commission. The matter regarding continuation of Government of India Stationery Office, Kolkata is being taken up with the Ministry of Finance.

(e)&(f): The matter regarding increase in Budget grant for the Government o f India Stationery Office, Kolkata is linked with the Expenditure Reforms Commission`s recommendation regarding closing down of the organization and may be considered once a final decision regarding closure/continuation is taken.